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Commissioner:

Attached are the following:

- 1. Notice of Appeal (in duplicate);
- 2. Check Number 2113 for the amount of \$500 to cover the Notice of Appeal filing fee;
- 3. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (FORM PTO/SB/33);
- 4. Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review Reasons (five (5) pages); and
- 5. Return post card.

It is respectfully submitted that the attached Notice of Appeal and Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review are timely filed within the three-month period set by the Examiner in the Office Action dated March 3, 2006 because they are filed before the expiration of June 3, 2006. Even so, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17, including any required extension fees, which may be required during the **pendency** of this application to Deposit Account No. 501574 and to treat this authorization as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or

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future reply or correspondence for this application requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted, KHORSANDI PATENT LAW GROUP, ALC

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